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2 WHEREAS, The members of the Illinois House of 3 Representatives are pleased to honor Kim Hunter for her work 4 with the Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps; and

5 WHEREAS, The Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps was 6 started in 2003, when Kim Hunter, the Douglas County Health 7 Department's health educator, applied for a grant to fund and 8 launch the Douglas County MRC; the funding continued until it 9 was cut in 2006; and

WHEREAS, Kim Hunter has served as the grant writer, promoter, and recruiter for the Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps since its inception; she has been actively involved in the grassroots efforts for the recruitment, training, and equipping of the MRC's members and has built the MRC from its conceptual stages to its current incarnation, an experienced organization with over 100 members; the group currently provides services such as first aid support for local events, immunizations, and school physicals; and

WHEREAS, Kim Hunter led the Douglas County Medical Reserve Corps volunteers during the group's first big venture, the Strategic National Stockpile Drill, helping to shape them into a professional unit; she also led the charge of dedicated

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- 1 Medical Reserve Corps volunteers into the disaster areas of
- 2 Hurricanes Ivan and Frances in 2004 and Hurricanes Katrina and
- 3 Rita in 2005, partnering with such groups as the Red Cross and
- 4 FEMA to provide aid to those affected by those tragic events;
- 5 and
- 6 WHEREAS, Kim Hunter's reputation for excellence has also
- 7 been noticed by the national Medical Reserve Corps, who invited
- 8 her to speak at their annual conferences in 2004 and 2005; she
- 9 also attends the conferences every year in order to strengthen
- 10 the MRC's resources and contacts; and she has served as the
- 11 Co-Chair of the Illinois Medical Reserve Corps; and
- 12 WHEREAS, Kim Hunter's dedication to her profession and
- 13 willingness to serve her community make her a model for the
- people of the State of Illinois; therefore, be it
- 15 RESOLVED, BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE
- 16 NINETY-FIFTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF ILLINOIS, that we
- 17 honor Kim Hunter for her work with the Douglas County Medical
- 18 Reserve Corps and wish her continued success and happiness in
- 19 the future; and be it further
- 20 RESOLVED, That a suitable copy of this resolution be
- 21 presented to Kim Hunter as an symbol of our esteem and respect.